

## CLAIMS

*537* 1. A device for recording information, comprising a sensor (8) for recording a primary image of the information, characterised by a display (25) for showing a secondary image which constitutes at least part of the primary image, and control means (20, 27), with the aid of which a user can define on which sub-image of the primary image an operation is to be performed.

2. A device according to claim 1, wherein the sensor (8) is an area sensor.

3. A device according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the control means are adapted to alter, while being actuated by the user, the relationship between the primary and the secondary image so that that part of the primary image which is shown as the secondary image on the display (25) changes.

4. A device according to claims 2 and 3, wherein the secondary image is fetched directly from the area sensor and the control means are adapted to change, when altering the relationship between the primary and the secondary image, the size of the area of the area sensor from which the secondary image is fetched to be shown on the display.

5. A device according to claim 3 or 4, wherein said alteration of the relationship between the primary and the secondary image takes place during continuous updating of the contents of the primary image.

6. A device according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the control means are further adapted, while being actuated by the user, to mark an area in the secondary image on the display as said sub-image, and to instruct the device to carry out said operation on the marked area.

7. A device according to claim 5 or 6, wherein the control means comprise a first control member (27) which

enables the user to change the size of the marked area in a first dimension.

8. A device according to claim 7, wherein the control means comprise a second control member (27) which 5 enables the user to change the size of the marked area in a second dimension.

9. A device according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the device is of the hand-held type.

10. A device according to any one of the preceding 10 claims, wherein the device is a portable scanner.

11. A device according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein said operation is the operation of saving the defined sub-image of the primary image.

12. A method of recording information, comprising 15 the steps of recording a primary image of the information; showing at least part of the primary image as a secondary image on a display, and altering the relationship between the primary image and the secondary image so that the extent of that part of the primary image 20 which is shown as the secondary image on the display changes.

13. A method of recording information, comprising steps of recording a primary image of the information; showing at least part of the primary image as a secondary 25 image on a display, and marking an area in the secondary image on the display for indicating on which sub-image of the secondary image a subsequent operation is to be performed.

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